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SUBJECT: POLISH VIEWS ON 29TH UNGA ISSUES

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1. SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSION WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR, HENRYK SOKALSKI, CHIEF OF THE SECTION FOR UNGA AFFAIRS IN THE MFA DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SAID THAT THE POLISH POSITION ON KHMER REPRESENTATION WOULD DEPEND UPON HOW THE ISSUE DEVELOPED AND WAS PRESENTED AT UNGA, ALTHOUGH ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE EXISTENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN POLAND AND THE GKR WOULD INFLUENCE POLISH ACTIONS. HE SAID THAT THE POLISH POSITION ON THE KOREAN RESOLUTION HAS NOT CHANGED BUT INDICATED POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR SETTLING THE PROBLEM IN STAGES. HE EXPECTS THE ARAB STATES TO PRESS THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION AND SAID POLAND WOULD SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR

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ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY. HE EXPECTS

DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS TO BE ONE OF THE MAIN TOPICS AND STATED STRONG POLISH SUPPORT FOR SOVIET PROPOSAL OF 10 PERCENT CUT OF MILITARY BUDGETS OF SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBERS. POLAND WILL ACTIVELY WORK TO KEEP UN BUDGET DOWN. IT WILL ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORT GIVING HIGHEST PRIORITY IN UNGA TO POLITICAL QUESTIONS AND DEALING WITH ECONOMIC QUESTIONS IN OTHER UN BODIES. POLAND BELIEVE UNEF REIMBURSEMENT IS INADEQUATE AND WILL PRESS FOR INCREASE. IN GENERAL, SOKALSKI IS OPTIMISTIC THAT UN CAN CONTINUE TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN MAINTAINING PEACE AND VIEWS LAST YEAR AS PERIOD OF REVITALIZATION OF UN TO WHICH US MADE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. SOKALSKI IS A SMOOTH, CHARMING CAREER DIPLOMAT IN HIS LATE 30'S, WHO SPENT THE 1959-60 ACADEMIC YEAR AT DARTMOUTH STUDYING AMERICAN LITERATURE AND SPEAKS BEAUTIFULLY FLUENT AMERICAN ENGLISH WITH A FLAWLESS ACCENT. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN UNGA AFFAIRS IN THE MFA FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS AND WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE POLISH DELEGATION AGAIN THIS YEAR, REPRESENTING POLAND, I.A., ON COMMITTEE FIVE. HE WAS GIEREK'S INTERPRETER DURING THE 1972 NIXON VISIT TO POLAND. ASKED IF HE WOULD ALSO BE GIEREK'S INTERPRETER IN THE UNITED STATES, SOKALSKI SAID HE DID NOT KNOW BUT THAT HE HAD BEEN ORDERED TO "STAND BY" FOR POSSIBLE USE IN THAT CAPACITY. IN THE MEANTIME, HE WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE ON THE POLISH UNGA DELEGATION. HE COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING UNGA ITEMS.

3. KHMER REPRESENTATION. SOKALSKI SAID THAT THE POLISH POSITION HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED BECAUSE IT DEPENDED UPON HOW THE MATTER WAS PRESENTED IN THE UNGA AND HOW THE SITUATION WAS AT THE TIME IN CAMBODIA. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE FACT OF POLAND'S MAINTAINING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GKR WOULD BE A CONSIDERATION.

4. KOREA. SOKALSKI SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS CLEARLY TIME TO DISSOLVE THE UN COMMAND IN KOREA. HE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE QUESTION OF STATIONED TROOPS COULD THEN BE A BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN SOUTH KOREA AND THE COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES CONCERNED. IN THE POLISH VIEW, HOWEVER, THE REMOVAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS WOULD FACILITATE NORTH KOREAN-SOTH

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KOREAN RAPPROCHEMENT. HE SAID THAT AT A MEETING IN CUBA, WHICH HE RECENTLY ATTENDED, THE NORTH KOREANS PRESSED HARD FOR POLISH SUPPORT OF THEIR POSITION. SOKALSKI ALSO INDICATED THAT THE JAPANESE-SPONSORED RESOLUTION COULD CONCEIVABLY GET MORE SUPPORT THAN THE RESOLUTION FAVORED BY THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. IN CONCLUSION, HE SAID THAT POLAND FAVORED DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND BUT WERE POSSIBLY FLEXIBLE ON THE MODALITIES AND WOULD ENTERTAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF

STAGES WITH REGARD TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS.

5. MIDDLE EAST. SOKALSKI SIAD POLAND WILL SUPPORT THE ARAB COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY. THE POLES VIEW THE MIDDLE EAST AS STILL THE MOST DANGEROUS POTENTIAL AREA OF CONFLICT. SOKALSKI EXPRESSED PRIDE AT POLISH PERFORMANCE ON THE UNEF BUT STATED A STRONG GRIEVANCE AGAINST ISRAEL FOR NOT PERMITTING THE TRANSIT OF ISRAEL BY UNEF CONTINGENTS FROM COUNTRIES WITH WHICH ISRAEL DOES NOT HAVE RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT THE POLES WOULD RAISE THIS AT THE UNGA.

6. FINANCING UNEF. SOKALSKI SAID THAT THE POLISH CONTINGENT TO THE UNEF IS A SERIOUS DRAIN ON POLISH RESOURCES AND POLAND WILL PRESS FOR AN INCREASE IN THE REIMBURSEMENT TO COVER ACTUAL COSTS, WHICH HE CLAIMS ARE NOT NOW BEING MET BY A WIDE MARGIN. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT GIVE ANY FIGURES.

7. BUDGET QUESTIONS. POLAND WILL SUPPORT ANY AND ALL EFFORTS TO ECONOMIZE ON THE UN BUDGET.

8. DISARMAMENT. SOKALSKI SAID THAT HE EXPECTS DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS TO OCCUPY A PRIORITY POSITION IN THIS UNGA, BUT DID NOT GIVE ANY SPECIFICS.

9. GIerek Speech. SOKALSKI SIAD THAT HE EXPECTS GIEREK TO ADDRESS THE UNGA ON OCTOBER 10 ON THE SUBJECT OF EUROPEAN SECURITY. SOKALSKI SIAD HE BELIEVED THAT GIEREK WOULD CALL FOR AN EARLY CONCLUSION TO THE SECOND STATE OF CSCE TO BE FOLLOWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY A THIRD STAGE SUMMIT MEETING TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT. ASKED TO PREDICT THE POSSIBILITIES OF CSCE PROGRESS, SOKALSKI SAID HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT THE

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SECOND STATE COULD BE CONCLUDED BEFORE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

10. GENERAL. SOKALSKI EXPRESSED GREAT OPTIMISM ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE UN. HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THE UN HAD PASSED THROUGH A GREAT CRISIS PERIOD IN THE LATE 60'S BUT HAD BEEN REVITALIZED LAST YEAR BY THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IT HAD BEEN ABLE TO PLAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE. HE CREDITED THE US WITH PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN THIS REVITALIZATION. HE ADDED THAT POLAND BELIEVES THAT DETENTE AND PARTICULARLY THE US-USSR DIALOGUE IS OF IMMENSE BENEFIT TO SMALLER COUNTRIES AND TO THE UN AS AN ORGANIZATION FOR MODERATING AND CONFINING THE EFFECTS OF LOCAL DISPUTES.

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